

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of: Hensley *et al.* § Examiner: N/A
Serial No.: N/A §
Filed: Herewith § Group Art Unit: N/A
For: Selective Apparatus and Method For §
Removing An Undesirable Cut From § Atty Dkt No.: 1971TC-44193
Drilling Fluid §

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Selective Apparatus and Method For Removing An Undesirable Cut From Drilling Fluid,

the specification of which:

is attached hereto.
 was filed on as application
Serial No.

I do not know and do not believe that such subject matter was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, and claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial

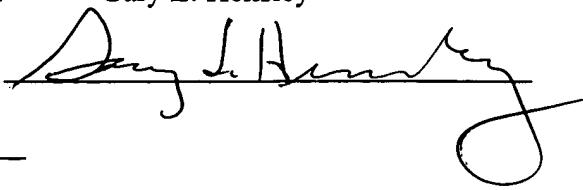
No. 09/060,046 filed April 14, 1998.

I hereby appoint Tim Cook, Registration No. 32,561; James E. Bradley, Reg. No. 27,536; Frank S. Vaden III, Reg. No. 22,236; Charles D. Gunter, Jr., Reg. No. 29,386; Andrew J. Dillon, Reg. No. 29,634; and Kent A. Rowald, Reg. No. 34,005; all of Felsman, Bradley, Vaden, Gunter & Dillon, LLP , One Riverway, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas, 77056-1982, as my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls be addressed to Tim Cook, Felsman, Bradley, Vaden, Gunter & Dillon, LLP , One Riverway, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas, 77056-1982, (713) 961-3525.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize that validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and § 1.27(c) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby state that I am

the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: Hutchison-Hayes International, Inc.

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: 3520 East Belt, Houston, Texas 77015

I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Questions related to size standards for a small business concern may be directed to: Small Business Administration, Size Standards Staff, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
 the application identified above.
 the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern, or organization having any right in the invention is listed below:

no such person, concern, or organization exists.
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Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention stating their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

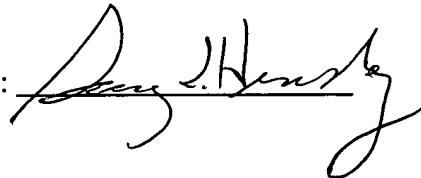
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